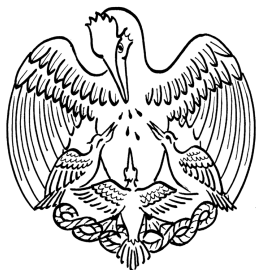


SAWSTON VILLAGE COLLEGE



NEWSLETTER

11 March 2009

Dates for your diary

Comic Relief	13 March	PSHE Day	27 March
Year 9 Options Deadline	13 March	Year 11 Leavers' Photo	30 March
Parents' Lunch	17 March	Year 11 Art Examination	30 & 31 March
Year 11 Long Road/Hills Road Interviews	17 March	Devised Performance	1 & 2 April
West Road Concert	20 March	Year 9 Black Cat Theatre	3 April
Year 11 Art Examination	23 March	Spring Term ends	3 April
Year 11 Art Examination	25 March	Summer Term begins	20 April
Year 8 Parents' Evening	26 March		

Dear Parent

I am interrupting my intensive training regime to write to you about proposed activities for Friday 13 March (if only it could have been the 12th or 14th) for Comic Relief.

Friday will be a non-uniform day. All pupils out of uniform are required to pay £1 for the pleasure. All money raised goes to Comic Relief. It is worth noting that non-uniform day means a day spent in one's own clothes; it does not mean fancy dress or dressing for a party. Normal lessons will go on as usual in the morning.

At lunch time, we part company with normal school routines. Pupils may change into fancy dress, if they wish, for the subsequent festivities. Each year group is running its own activity to raise funds for this excellent cause:

- ❖ Year 11 have challenged the staff to a basketball competition;
- ❖ Year 10 are organising a cake-eating competition – now that's my kind of competition;
- ❖ Year 9 will attract the crowds with their chocolate fondue; and
- ❖ Years 7 and 8 are running a wide range of stalls, including, I hear, a hair-spraying stall. They have assured us that it will wash out, but just in case, do take a photo of your son or daughter before he or she sets off to school so you can remember what they looked like beforehand.

And then to the highlight.....
During lesson 5, staff and pupils will take to the field for

a fun run (have ever there been two more contradictory words...) or walk. Contributions are invited for this and you may even have sight of a sponsorship form as your loved one attempts to wrest cash from you to support his or her endeavours to 'do something funny for money'.

The Sports Centre is also taking Comic Relief seriously. The staffs are running 3 different events for Comic Relief:

- ❖ a 1-mile sponsored swim (96 lengths of our pool) – this can be done in any swim session between Monday 9 and Friday 13 March, but must be completed in 1 session. If you wish to participate you must collect a sponsor form from the Sports Centre Reception;

- ❖ a 2000m row challenge in the fitness suite – you are encouraged to go to the Sports Centre Reception and pay £1; the leaders will then programme the machine and record how quickly you complete the 2000m.



An invitation to lunch

I hope you will be able to join us at **12.15 on Tuesday 17 March**. On arrival please come to Reception. This is an opportunity to meet other parents over lunch, but also to be introduced to members of the Forum over coffee in the Library afterwards. An additional inducement to come is that after coffee, we will visit the new Science laboratories before the start of afternoon lessons.

Anyway, I shall write to you more fully before Easter – I have no time to do more, as I have yet to complete today's bench presses (now that is something funny ...).

Thank you, in anticipation, for your support of this venture, no doubt in a wide range of ways. I will report back to you on staff performance in the fun run in my next letter. You should note, however, that we have never had more volunteers for supervisory duties; it's their sense of duty, you see.

June Cannie
Principal